



The first JWOD Program service contract, which is still in operation today, was for grounds maintenance services for the Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island. New Leaf of Oak Harbor, Wash. commenced services at NAS in 1973. NISH was not yet incorporated, but the Javits amendment of 1971 had expanded the program to allow nonprofit agencies serving people with severe disabilities other than blindness to participate in the program and authorized nonprofit agencies to provide not only supplies, but also services to the Federal Government.

From the **BEGINNING**

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- Wagner-O'Day Act (named for Sen. Robert Ferdinand Wagner and Rep. Caroline Love Goodwin O'Day) becomes law, establishing the Committee on Purchases of Blind-made Products (now called the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled).
- National Industries for the Blind (NIB) incorporated.



- Expanded Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (to include Sen.
- Jacob Javits) extends coverage to people with severe disabilities other than blindness and creates opportunities for the provision of services.
- Authorization for the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled to hire staff is granted under the JWOD Act.

- June— NISH incorporated.
- July—NISH opened its operations in Bethesda, Md.

NISH and the

Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program

NISH is a national nonprofit agency whose mission is to create employment opportunities for people with severe disabilities by securing Federal contracts through the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program for its network of community-based, nonprofit agencies.

Providing employment opportunities to more than 45,000 people, the JWOD Program is the largest single source of employment for people who are blind or have other severe disabilities in the United States. More than 600 participating nonprofit organizations employ these individuals and provide quality goods and services to the Federal Government at a fair price.

The JWOD Program is a coordinated effort on behalf of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and NISH–Creating Employment Opportunities for People with Severe Disabilities. This effort has allowed people who are blind or who have other severe disabilities to acquire job skills and training, receive wages and benefits, and gain greater independence and quality of life. Through the JWOD Program, people with disabilities have the opportunity to enjoy participation in their community and can market their JWOD skills into other public and private sector jobs.

With its headquarters in Vienna, Virginia, NISH has regional offices in California, Washington, Georgia, Virginia, Texas and Illinois. Among its services, NISH offers its agencies regulatory assistance, information technology support, engineering, financial and technical assistance, legislative and workforce development assistance, communications and public relations materials; and an extensive professional training program.



One of NISH's newest contracts is nationwide mailroom services for the Internal Revenue Service. Michael Walker, ServiceSource, Inc., works at the Central Mail Facility in Northern Virginia, where all IRS mail in a 50 mile radius of Washington, D.C. is handled.

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October
—NISH
adds its first
product
(Mechanic's

Creeper) to the Procurement List.

■ July—NISH designated sole Central Nonprofit Agency (CNA) for JWOD contracts that employ people with severe disabilities other than blindness.

NISH North Central Region opens in Chicago, Ill.

NISH South Central Region opens in Arlington, Texas.

■ NISH East Region opens in New York, N.Y. (the region later consolidated in Vienna, Va.).



Message from the Chairman

uring 2004, we celebrated the 30th anniversary of NISH. There have been many changes during those 30 years and the growth in jobs and participating agencies, the variety of business lines and the expanded scope of the customer base has been significant. But the mission of creating job opportunities for people with disabilities remains unchanged; and one of the most impressive aspects of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program continues to be the multiplier effect the Program has in terms of job training, growing capability and capacity, and serving the community.

In 2004, NISH nonprofit agencies (NPAs) reported a record 41,154 JWOD jobs; but during that same period JWOD producing NPAs also reported a total of more than 135,000 jobs for people with disabilities supporting a wide range of companies, organizations and Federal customers. Additionally, more than 29,000 people with disabilities were placed in jobs in the private sector in communities throughout the United States. Much of the training for these jobs was a direct result of JWOD. Through the credibility established through the JWOD Program, NPAs have earned a reputation for having a dedicated and reliable workforce second to none; and as awareness grows, many additional customers are benefiting from the high quality products and services provided through the JWOD and NPA industrial base.

2004 – Another Excellent Year for Growth

The contributions of this increasingly capable and integrated workforce were evident in 2004—just a few comparisons with 2003 illustrate the significant growth during the past year.

- Jobs for people with severe disabilities +8.1 percent
- Direct labor hours worked by people with severe disabilities +8.5 percent
- Wages paid to people with severe disabilities +13.2 percent
- Sales to Government customers +13.0 percent

Focus on the Future

While 2004 was a year to celebrate and a year of significant growth, our primary focus was on the future and how we can address an unemployment rate for people with disabilities that still hovers around 70 percent. As such, we embarked on a plan to leverage the capabilities of an integrated workforce that is poised to satisfy the product and service needs of the Federal Government and many other customers as well. The plan has four major thrusts:

- Investing in Initiatives for Job Growth
- ♦ Adding Value for Government Customers and NPAs

- Enhancing the Long-Term Viability and Outreach of the JWOD Program
- Increasing Effectiveness and Efficiencies

Investments and Initiatives in Job Growth

In 2004, NISH launched its secure document destruction line of business for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). As of the end of the fiscal year, 10 nonprofit agencies provided this service at more than 60 sites throughout the United States. This business line is particularly attractive as it is one example of NISH's increased emphasis on serving people with the most significant productivity challenges; and because all sites are performing at the highest quality standard certified by the National Association for Information Destruction (NAID), these services are also attractive to the commercial sector. Almost every NPA involved now also supports the commercial sector. In one example, an NPA entered the document destruction business with one small JWOD contract; the NPA now has 85 commercial contracts and is processing almost 4,000 pounds of material daily vs. the 50 pounds processed at inception of the project.

Another major focus in 2004 was a nationwide secure mailroom initiative for the IRS. NISH worked with a NISH-affiliated NPA that served as the prime contractor to develop a solution utilizing both NISH NPAs and National Industries for the Blind (NIB) agencies.

& President/CEO 2004

At year end, the project created 197 jobs for people who are blind or severely disabled representing 28 NISH- and NIBaffiliated nonprofit agencies in 24 states... when fully implemented, the project will involve 50 mailrooms nationwide.

During 2004, support for our warfighters in Iraq and at locations throughout the world continued at a heightened level. NISH NPAs produced 86 percent of the chemical protective over garments worn by our troops and delivered significantly increased quantities of battle dress uniforms, cold/weather protective garments and underwear, fleece outer garments, and various military clothing and weapon/vehicular items.

Additionally, NISH commenced production of several new products in 2004. The JWOD Program was selected to produce the first quantities of the Army's new combat uniform with a single camouflage pattern designed for desert, woodland and urban terrain. NISH NPAs will produce a minimum of 1.8 million uniform sets during the next three years, providing 482 jobs; NIB agencies are scheduled to produce 720,000 uniforms during the same time frame.

NISH and NIB also collaborated on the new Combat Helmet contract. This product replaced two distinct productsthe woodland and camouflage covers. The Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, NISH, NIB and the Committee for Purchase worked together to develop a coordinated, responsive solution for the single, new requirement.

Adding Value for Government Customers and NPAs

During 2004, NISH furthered its commitment to enhancing the value of the JWOD Program to our customers through hiring business development and quality managers for each of the regional offices and the Products Business Unit. This investment in the future has infused the organization with some wonderful new talent and is the underpinning to an integrated business development and quality process. The quality managers will be in a direct line to the President/CEO and have only one mission—improving the quality of performance within NISH and in all the products and services delivered by NISH NPAs; likewise the business development managers will be directly linked to the Chief Operating Officer with clear goals for creation of additional jobs.

2004 also marked a major milestone in the creation of job opportunities for people with disabilities as, for the first time—working with the Committee for Purchase—we were able to establish a project that offers home-based employment opportunities! People with disabilities who are unable to get to the workplace are now answering telephone calls from the public requesting IRS forms and publications. This is a major breakthrough and this initiative is now being expanded to include medical transcription for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Education and training continues to be an extremely popular program for NPAs and remains a cornerstone to increasing job opportunities for people with severe disabilities. The NISH Institute for Leadership, Performance and Development continued to refine and expand our training curriculum and offered more than 250 training sessions in 2004; additionally, the eLearning program served more than 1500 people who participated in 200 eLearning courses. A major focus moving forward will be a concentrated effort to develop comprehensive business line training that links with business development efforts and meets the needs of NISH and NIB affiliated agencies.

In 2004, NISH rolled out its Capabilities Database software that provides an up-to-date source of the NPA industrial base capabilities; this will facilitate formation of alliances around capabilities and rapid response to both Government and non-Government needs. In 2004, we also completed the roll-out of a Web-based service costing application to NPAs that provides project estimating and pricing for service contracts.

Enhancing the Long-Term Viability and Outreach of the JWOD Program

In 2004, NISH created a comprehensive Strategic Plan. This plan is closely aligned with the strategic plan for the JWOD Program developed by the Committee for Purchase. It highlights NISH's goals and objectives

Message from the Chairman & President/CEO (Continued)

for 2005-2007 and provides a roadmap for guiding the development of detailed business plans.

NISH, NIB and the Committee for Purchase also collaboratively developed a comprehensive Strategic Communications Plan. This plan is designed to deliver a consistent branding message that will build awareness and brand recognition for the JWOD Program. The plan is currently being implemented and will lead to increased job opportunities for people with disabilities.

During 2004, NISH continued to assist NPAs in building awareness of both the JWOD Program and disability employment issues with their Congressional representatives. An additional 11 members of Congress were designated JWOD Champions to recognize their support for JWOD and people with disabilities. The total number of JWOD Champions has grown to more than 40.

Two years ago, NISH established a scholarship program to encourage innovation and research to develop solutions that would facilitate opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in the workplace. Interest in these scholarships has continued to grow and NISH was proud to be selected for the 2004 New Freedom Foundation's Award in recognition of the success of this program in building awareness of the needs of people with disabilities among students and faculty at universities throughout the nation.

A major underpinning to the longterm viability of the JWOD Program is the requirement that 75 percent of all NPA direct labor hours must be performed by a persons with disabilities. During 2004, the results of enhancements made to our regulatory assistance program resulted in compliance with regulatory requirements that reached an all time high of more than 98 percent; the few shortterm exceptions resulted from surge orders based on national emergencies or unusual start-up situations.

Increasing Effectiveness and Efficiencies

Stewardship of resources and a commitment that every dollar spent will produce results at the lowest possible cost remains paramount at NISH.

NISH developed and expanded a quarterly reporting system that is now being used by NISH and NIB. This system eliminates redundancy and facilitates oversight responsibilities of the Committee for Purchase. As a follow-on, NISH and NIB are now collaborating on a comprehensive project to develop and deliver an integrated information flow solution across the various organizations involved in the JWOD Program. In addition to this information technology initiative, similar collaborative efforts with NIB are under way in business development, training and strategic communications.

Within NISH, a comprehensive performance management system that aligns individual goals with corporate goals was implemented in 2004. The system establishes individual performance goals that are linked directly to corporate goals. Appraisals and a reward system are then tied to performance against those established goals for team members, departments and divisions.

A Total Team Effort

In closing, the outstanding results in 2004 were only possible because of our Federal customers' strong support of the JWOD Program and the exceptional work of the NPAs. The JWOD Program, while simple in concept, can often be a complex process that requires significant involvement by our Federal customers, the Committee for Purchase, the NPAs, and numerous Federal officials-and we extend our deepest appreciation to everyone who works so hard to maintain and create jobs for people with disabilities. The last 30 years have been wonderful; but during the next 30 years we are committed to invest the resources necessary to take the JWOD Program to new heights with improved quality products and services and additional employment opportunities for people with severe disabilities.

E. Robert Chamberlin, NISH president and CEO

Elmer Cerano, NISH Board chairman



dress uniforms. NCED will produce a minimum of 1.8 million uniform sets during the next three years, providing 482 jobs and \$119 million in sales. Left: Maria Valdez works on the contract to produce ACUs at NCED.

FY 2004 Accomplishments

Expansion of Service Business Lines

- 10 NPAs provide secure document destruction services for the Internal Revenue Service at more than 60 locations
- Nationwide mailroom services for the IRS commences, with 13 sites operating by the end of FY 04
- IRS call centers offer home-based employment for individuals who answer telephone calls from the public requesting IRS forms and publications



Secure document destruction services for the IRS commenced in 2004 creating jobs for people with the most significant productivity challenges. This business line offers tremendous expansion opportunities in the Federal and commercial sectors

- ◆Mechanical maintenance contract involving four Federal buildings in New Jersey commences
- Food services contract at Great Lakes Recruit Training Command expands as the result of the conversion of food services previously performed by Navy recruits to people with disabilities. The expansion resulted in 1200 workers employed at Great Lakes in food service, approximately 715 of whom are people with severe disabilities

A Banner Year for Products

- Production of 50 percent of the Government requirement for duffel bags begins; when the incumbent commercial contractors could not supply additional quantities for wartime support, Defense Supply Center Philadelphia turned to NISH
- ◆ The JWOD Program and the U.S. Department of Agriculture establish a strategic alliance to identify product opportunities where JWOD can be used to provide valueadded products for USDA
- ♦ Cooperative Arrangement with Industry enables a nonprofit agency to seek an arrangement to utilize a commercial firm's available capacity for production of orange juice (production will begin in 2005)
- Four nonprofit agencies producing nonfat dry milk operate at higher capacity to support the Bush Administration's National Nonprofit Humanitarian Initiative to donate nonfat dry milk to nonprofit faith-based and community organizations
- Military surge continues with major increases in requirements for battle dress uniforms, cold/wet weather protective garments and underwear, fleece garments, various military clothing and equipment sales, and weapon/vehicular equipment
- ◆ The JWOD Program produced 86 percent of the Government requirement for JSLIST Chemical Protective Suits
- ◆An additional 10 percent of the Veterans Affairs requirement for interment flags added to the Procurement List



During FY 2004, four NISH-affiliated nonprofit agencies produced 780,000 chemical protective suits, resulting in 980 jobs for people with severe disabilities.

Unprecedented Collaboration with NIB and the Committee for Purchase

- ◆ Defense Supply Center Philadelphia selects the JWOD Program to produce the first quantities of the Army's new combat uniform with a single camouflage pattern designed for desert, woodland and urban terrain. NISH NPAs will produce at least 1.8 million uniform sets during the next three years, providing 482 jobs, and NIB agencies are scheduled to produce 720,000 uniforms during the same time frame
- ◆ NISH, NIB, the Committee and the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia work together to develop a coordinated, responsive solution to the single, new requirement for a reversible combat helmet cover, which replaced two distinct products—the woodland and camouflage covers
- NISH, NIB and the Committee for Purchase collaboratively develop a comprehensive Strategic Communications Plan. The plan, which is currently being implemented, is designed to deliver a consistent branding message that will build awareness and brand recognition for the JWOD Program
- ♦ NISH develops and expands the Quarterly Employment Report for NIB use; NISH and NIB are now collaborating on a comprehensive project to develop and deliver an integrated information flow solution across the various organizations involved in the JWOD Program
- ◆ JWOD Program Satellite Office opens at the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia

Enhancing the JWOD Image and Long-Term Viability of the JWOD Program

- NISH honors 11 additional members of Congress as JWOD Congressional Champions
- NISH names 12 additional Government Procurement officials JWOD Procurement Champions
- ◆ Regulatory Assistance program enhancements result in compliance with regulatory requirements that reached an all time high of more than 98 percent; the few short term exceptions resulted from surge orders based on national emergencies or unusual start-up situations

Adding Value for NPAs

- ♦ NISH rolls-out CRP (Community Rehabilitation Program) Capabilities and ServiceCosting applications to all NPAs
- NISH adds CRP Association, a new application, to the NISH Extranet, allowing nonprofit agencies to become associated with the program through an online registration process
- ◆ NISH launches CRP Connection, a quarterly publication designed exclusively for nonprofit agencies
- NCWC and NISH establish a Partnership Task Force to resolve key issues and concerns of nonprofit agencies

Assistive Technology Scholarship Program Recognized

◆ NISH receives the New Freedom Foundation's 2004 New Ability Educational Award in recognition of its National Scholar Award for Workplace Innovation & Design. NISH established the scholarship program in 2003 to challenge college-level engineering students to create technology-based

> solutions to barriers facing people with severe disabilities as they try to enter or advance in the workplace. NISH added a second track for high school students in 2004.

Board of Directors

The NISH Board of Directors is the governing body of NISH. The board is comprised of 27 volunteers who support the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program and the mission to employ people with severe disabilities. Board members have expertise and skills in a variety of areas, including nonprofit agency executive experience, legal, advocacy, finance and a myriad of other backgrounds.

The board is comprised of a diverse group of directors who represent seven categories of board membership, including:

- Past or present JWOD Program participant: This director(s) is an individual who has or is currently receiving services as an employee through the JWOD Program.
- Disability Leader/Advocate: This director(s) is an individual with a disability who has demonstrated advocacy and other leadership qualities in the disability community.
- Members-At-Large: This director(s) has technical and professional expertise desired by the board at the time of his/ her nomination.
- Regional NISH Board representative: In each NISH region, nonprofit agencies (NPAs) elect one executive of a NISH associated JWOD-producing agency to serve on the NISH Board.
- ♦ National Nonprofit Agencies (NNAs): The NNAs represent the six organizations that founded NISH, including The Arc, Goodwill Industries International, Inc., International Association of Jewish Vocational Services, ACCSES (formerly American Rehabilitation Association), National Easter Seal Society and United Cerebral Palsy Associations. Each NNA board can designate one representative from its respective organization/constituency to serve on the NISH Board.
- National Council of Work Centers: NCWC is an organization of nonprofit agency representatives who participate in the JWOD Program. NCWC can designate one representative to serve on the NISH Board.
- Officers comprised of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past Chair: These positions are elected by the board. Individuals serving in these positions cannot represent another constituency on the board.

2004 Board Accomplishments

The NISH Board of Directors recognizes the integral role it plays in ensuring NISH's organizational success. Therefore, among the many accomplishments of the NISH Board of Directors during 2004 were the efforts to improve the board's governance responsibilities. Several actions were taken in this regard and are described below.

Development of a Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy

The NISH Board of Directors adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and Conflict of Interests Policy (the "Code"). This Code is intended to focus the board on the duties and responsibilities of its members, offer guidance to directors to help them recognize and deal with ethical issues, provide mechanisms to report unethical conduct, and help foster a culture of honesty and accountability.

Establishing and enforcing such a policy is one aspect of safeguarding nonprofit organizations against unethical or illegal practices. Board members are expected to disclose any conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest during the board and committee meetings.

Recruitment of Prospective Members

Term limits and board turnover are considered best practices. All boards should be periodically infused with new members, enabling the board to benefit from new perspectives and approaches. The recruitment of new directors becomes critical to ensure that there can be board turnover. The recruitment of prospective directors is a board responsibility.

This year, the NISH Board greatly expanded its outreach and recruitment efforts. More than 2,300 organizations, associations and individuals were contacted. It is important that boards of directors not compromise having qualified members with the desired expertise needed on the board. Further, directors should reflect a diversity of backgrounds, skills and experiences.

1978

■ NISH West Region opens in Burlingame, Ca.

■ The Northwest Association of Rehabilitation Industries (NARI) opens an office in Seattle, Wash. and operates JWOD contracts under an agreement with NISH. The office became the NISH Northwest Region in 1981.

1979

- NISH hosted its first National Training Conference in St. Louis, Mo. in March.
- NISH begins to seek contracts in the service arena.



From left to right, front row: George Kessinger, Aberra Zewdie, Harry Baughn, James Barone, Philip Kosak, Elmer Cerano, Edward Guthrie, Barbara Nurenberg, William Mead and Tiana Tozer. Back row: Maria Marquez, Melphine Evans, David Powless, William Cheeks, Marc Kilmer, John Murphy, Cynthia Sailar, Robert Smith, Paul Atkinson, Charles Brown, Sally Cerny, Susan Fonfa and Paul Marchand. Not Shown: Gregg Bender, Edmond Benton, William Coleman Jr. and Frederick Frese.

Strenghthened Financial Integrity

The NISH Board focused on strengthening financial integrity by expanding financial expertise in its membership and by establishing an audit committee to assist the board in its oversight responsibilities.

Expanded Financial Expertise

Although a number of board members had some level of financial knowledge, it was important to have at least one director who was recognized as a financial expert who had academic and/or practical experience as an auditor or accountant. In response to this need, an individual who is a certified public accountant was recruited and became a member of the NISH Board. This individual possessed the appropriate financial background needed by the board, as well as for membership on a board's audit committee.

Establishment of an Audit Committee

The board established a five-person Audit Committee, which assists the board in its oversight responsibilities. The Audit Committee takes appropriate actions to set the overall tone at NISH for quality financial reporting, sound risk practices and ethical behavior.

Specific responsibilities of the Audit Committee include the review and implementation of actions to ensure the effectiveness of NISH's internal financial control and risk management system; any internal audit function; the

independent audit process, including recommending the appointment and assessing the performance of the external auditor; and NISH's process for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations affecting the organization and its code of

Education for Directors

Director education will improve the member's competence and understanding of their roles and responsibilities. It will also heighten the member's exposure to the organization's operations and management. With respect to a board member's fiduciary responsibilities, a level of understanding of financial statements and reports is a necessity.

In addition to the NISH Board's current new board member orientation program, two training programs were started in conjunction with the board meetings. One program is a two-hour session devoted to explanations of major initiatives and challenges that require additional emphasis. Although this training is available to any NISH Board member, it is specifically targeted to new directors. The other training program focuses on financial competency. All board members are encouraged to participate in this training.



■ NISH opens an office near Atlanta, Ga. as a sub-office of the East Region. The office became the NISH South Region in 1984.



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September—National Headquarters moved from Bethesda to Vienna, Va. (Cedar Lane)

■ NISH National Awards Program established. ■ NISH East Region opens in

suburban Philadelphia, Pa. (the region later consolidated in Vienna, Va.)

Board of Directors (Continued)

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NISH NPAs Provide Fleet Maintenance and Produce Glow Plugs for Humvees









Skookum Educational Programs in Port Townsend, Wash. has a \$17 million contract with the Army at Fort Lewis, Wash. that enables JWOD employees to work within a Department of Labor-approved journeyman training program in Installation Vehicle Maintenance, which currently employs 270 people with severe disabilities—including Bruce Burton (right)—who earn an average wage of \$17.85 per hour. Center: Chief Warrant Officer Richard Hetrick (left), U.S. Army, meets with Lon Broussard, Skookum shop foreman. In Shelbyville, Ind., David McCabe (left), Shares, Inc., works on a project that also involves military humvees. For that project, about 20 people with disabilities manufacture and package glow plugs that are installed in all humvees that are used by the Department of Defense. The annual contract is for 400,000 glow plugs and is worth about \$1.4 million.

"The partnership between NISH, Skookum and Fort Lewis for Wheeled Vehicle Fleet Maintenance has been truly a win-win situation. The quality of service has been outstanding. Open communications between the three parties has been a key ingredient for the success of this venture. Choosing a NISH contractor allowed the Government and the selected NPA to discuss the statement of work thoroughly prior to submitting the proposal so there were no surprises."

—James Edwards, Army Contracting Agency Northern Region,
 Director of Contracting, Fort Lewis

The COMMITTEE for

Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled

The Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program is administered by an independent Federal agency, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled (the Committee). There are 15 Committee members, including 11 senior Federal executives, a majority of whom are procurement officials, and four private citizens who are advocates for people who are blind or who have other severe disabilities. Federal agencies represented on the Committee include the Departments of Agriculture, Air Force, Army, Commerce, Defense, Education, Justice, Labor, Navy, Veterans Affairs, and the General Services Administration. The four private citizens on the Committee include two individuals who represent participating nonprofit agencies and two individuals who are knowledgeable about the employment obstacles faced by people who are blind or who have other severe disabilities. The President of the United States appoints all members of the Committee.

In addition to their role in setting policy for the JWOD Program, Committee members are primarily responsible for determining which products and services purchased by the Federal Government will be added to the Program Procurement List for provision from JWOD-participating nonprofit agencies; establishing the fair market prices for these products and services, and revising the prices when appropriate; ensuring that nonprofit agencies comply with Committee rules and regulations (through on-site reviews of agency operations, annual certifications and other means); and assisting entities of the Federal Government in expanding their JWOD procurement.

The Committee is supported in its efforts by a full-time staff located in Arlington, Va. The staff reviews proposed products and services to ensure that the Committee has adequate data to determine their suitability for addition to the Procurement List. Information compiled by the staff is submitted to Committee members for consideration in deciding whether to add the products and services to the Procurement List. Other responsibilities of the Committee staff include communicating to Federal customers the benefits of purchasing JWOD Program products and services; identifying and researching issues of interest to the JWOD Program for review and discussion by the Committee; reviewing and analyzing recommended fair market prices for

current and proposed JWOD Program products and services; assisting nonprofit agencies in complying with Committee rules and regulations and those of other Federal agencies; and implementing technology infrastructures to facilitate communication and rapid access to information electronically among Committee members, Committee staff, central nonprofit agencies, nonprofit agencies and Federal customers.

National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and NISH (serving individuals with a range of disabilities) propose items to the Committee for addition to the Procurement List after working closely with Federal contracting activities and the nonprofit agencies that will be performing the work. Through these two designated Central Nonprofit Agencies, the Committee works with more than 600 nonprofit agencies across the country, as well as in Puerto Rico and Guam. Federal customers' purchases of JWOD products and services provided by these participating agencies, and the people who are blind or have other severe disabilities they employ, helps battle the high unemployment rate faced by this untapped labor resource, 70 percent of whom are not employed. The JWOD Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) requires that the Federal Government purchase products and services that the Committee has, after careful consideration, decided to add to the Procurement List. These products and services are furnished to the Government (either directly or, in the case of common-use products, through distributors) by NIB- and NISH-associated nonprofit agencies nationwide.

The JWOD Program's mission is to provide employment opportunities for people who are blind or have other severe disabilities in the manufacture and delivery of products and services to the Federal Government. Nonprofit agencies employing people who are blind or who have other severe disabilities must demonstrate to the Committee that they can offer the Government quality supplies and services at reasonable prices.

The Committee for Purchase works closely with NISH, NIB, their associated nonprofit agencies and Federal personnel in order to accomplish the employment and procurement mission of the JWOD Program.



January—First NISH Financial Assistance Program (the revolving loan fund) established for NPAs.



April—National Council of Work Centers (then known as Council of Workshops) formed, representing all producing and affiliated NPAs.



Sens. Mike DeWine (Ohio) and John Chafee (Rhode Island) receive the first Javits Awards from NISH.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR FY 04

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The Honorable William H. Campbell

Assistant Secretary for Management AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER Department of Veterans Affairs January 2004



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Assistant Secretary for Disability EMPLOYMENT POLICY Office of Disability Employment Policy Department of Labor September 2004

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PRIVATE CITIZEN—OBSTACLES TO **EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS WITH OTHER** Severe Disabilities July 2003

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DIRECTOR FOR ACQUISITION Management and Procurement Department of Commerce *July 2003*

LeRoy F. Saunders

PRIVATE CITIZEN—OBSTACLES TO EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND March 1995

Sandra O. Sieber

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY Director of the Army Contracting Agency August 2003

Iohn Surina

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration Department of Agriculture March 2003

The Honorable Joanne Wilson

COMMISSIONER REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION Department of Education March 2003

2000

■ Sens. Jim Jeffords (Vermont) and Edward Kennedy (Massachusetts) receive Javits Awards.

2001

■ JWOD Procurement Champions Program is established to recognize Federal Government employees who provide outstanding support of JWOD.

2002

■ The JWOD Program commences surge support during Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Post Major Combat Phase.

National Council of Work Centers (NCWC)

The NCWC is an independent network of executives representing nonprofit agencies (NPAs) that manufacture products or provide services under the JWOD Program. The NCWC Executive Committee consists of four elected officers and representatives of agencies from each of six NISH regions.

Under the direction of President Paul Atkinson of Eggleston Services, an NPA in Norfolk, Va., the NCWC is the liaison between the NPA community and the NISH Board of Directors. The president of the NCWC serves on the NISH Board of Directors, thus ensuring that the NPA community has direct input into the deliberations and policy-making decisions of the board. The NCWC addresses issues of concern or significant relevance to NPAs and their participation in the JWOD Program, and assists NISH with research and data collection to advance the JWOD Program.

"I recommend that Federal customers use the JWOD Program for two reasons. Number one is we've always gotten a quality product from our JWOD partners...It's a win-win situation: we get a quality product and meaningful and productive jobs are provided for people who might not otherwise have that opportunity."

> - Colonel Paul Diamonti, Director of Clothing and Textiles. Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa., Defense Logistics Agency

During the NCWC annual meeting in 2004—held in conjunction with the NISH National Training Conference in Hollywood, Fla.—the NCWC held an open forum to solicit input from NPA representatives. The result of the forum was a list of NPA concerns, which were then compiled into nine major categories during a subsequent meeting.

The NCWC also sought volunteers from NPAs and NISH to participate in a task force to address these concerns. Since the annual meeting last spring, the NCWC—with the full support of NISH leadership—has hosted two task force meetings. The first meeting, held in early September 2004, focused on the contract distribution process. With guidance from the NISH Board of Directors, the task force developed a process with full transparency that utilizes the NISH Extranet to make NPAs aware of opportunities, as well as information on the criteria that is used in the recommendation of the contract award.

"We felt we made great progress on dealing with the contract allocation process," said Atkinson. "NPAs can throw their hat in if they are interested... and after an award is made, they will know what criteria were used. This will allow them to align their organizations to improve their chances of being awarded future contracts."

The Task Force also addressed the second major category of concern—the relationship between NISH and NPAs. In response to concerns regarding the lack of clarity in expectations on both sides, the Task Force began to outline the roles and responsibilities of NISH and NPAs. Discussion regarding that topic will resume at the Task Force's next meeting during FY 2005.

The NCWC also has a national awards program to recognize excellence in management and leadership at NPAs from across the country.

2002

■ NISH honors President George H. W. Bush with Javits Award.

August 2002

■ JWOD Congressional Champions Program established to recognize senators and representatives who demonstrate outstanding support of their constituents with disabilities and the JWOD Program.



NCWC members, from left to right: Kali Mallik, Jerry Bettenhausen, Rhea Nelson, Paul Atkinson, Susan Fonfa and Wayne McMillan. Not shown: Robert Daniels, Patricia Black, Peter Lukes and Skip Covell.

OFFICERS

Paul Atkinson

President EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO Eggleston Services Norfolk, VA

Robert Daniels

VICE PRESIDENT **CEO** Pioneer Adult Rehabilitation Center (PARC) Clearfield, UT

Patricia Black

SECRETARY VICE PRESIDENT OF CONTRACTS Goodwill Industries of San Antonio San Antonio, TX

Susan Fonfa

PAST PRESIDENT Executive Director Fedcap Rehabilitation Services, Inc. New York, NY

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Jerry Bettenhausen

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION President Work Services Corporation Wichita Falls, TX

Skip Covell

West Region **CEO** The Arc of San Diego San Diego, CA

Peter Lukes

NORTH CENTRAL REGION Executive Director Cass Valley Enterprises Caro, MI

Kali Mallik

East Region PRESIDENT Alliance, Inc. Baltimore, MD

Wayne McMillan

SOUTH REGION President/CEO **Bobby Dodd Industries** Atlanta, GA

Rhea Nelson

NORTHWEST REGION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR New Leaf, Inc. Oak Harbor, WA

October 2002

NISH establishes the National Products Business Unit based in Vienna, Va. with field offices in each of the NISH Regions.





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NISH National office. Products Business Unit and East Region consolidate into one Headquarters Building in Vienna, Va.

National Awards

Each year, NISH conducts its National Awards Program with one purpose in mind – to recognize the achievements of individuals, nonprofit agencies (NPAs), government agencies, businesses and other organizations supporting or benefiting from the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program. The Awards Program began in 1979, and over the years has helped generate and promote awareness about creating employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

2004 WILLIAM M. USDANE Memorial Award

This award is presented each year to an individual with severe disabilities who has exhibited outstanding achievement and exceptional character as an employee in the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program. The award is named for the late William Usdane, former Assistant Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), who worked tirelessly on behalf of people with disabilities.

tuart Turner excels in every way and has always set an exceptional example for others to follow within the service branch (Phoenix Service) of the Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation in Alabama. In his job as janitorial custodian at the Redstone Arsenal Sparkman Center, Stuart demonstrates a serious work ethic, positive attitude and excellent attendance. He wears his Phoenix Service uniform with tremendous pride, resulting in a high standard of appearance that is simply beyond reproach.

The Sparkman Center area is one of the most challenging assignments for JWOD workers at the Huntsville Rehabilitation Center, but Stuart has met that challenge with tremendous success. He consistently maintains a quality control score well above the 95 percent level expected by the Government customer. He is always quick to volunteer to fill in wherever he is needed when other employees are absent, and the high quality of his work has generated several letters of appreciation to the nonprofit agency from Government customers who appreciate all that he does for them.

Stuart's passionate will to overcome whatever difficulties life presents and his great compassion for all people have enabled him to succeed despite times of rejection, ridicule and isolation. He was born with cerebral palsy and has been challenged on many levels—physically, intellectually, socially and emotionally. Initially he found a job delivering mail in a municipal building. However, his supervisor never understood his employees with special needs and rather than coaching Stuart, instead urged him to try another job. It was at that point Stuart found the



Stuart Turner Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation Inc. (doing business as Phoenix Industries) Huntsville, Alabama

Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation where he received the training and encouragement he needed to succeed at his work and ultimately distinguish himself as an outstanding employee.

Furthermore, Stuart's accomplishments and generosity extend beyond the work place. He has delivered Meals on Wheels, worked for Care and Assurance Services for the Aging (CASA) carrying out home repairs for senior citizens and people with disabilities, and helped build a house for Habitat for Humanity. Additionally, he spoke on behalf of Vocational Rehabilitation and Phoenix Service before Alabama state legislators at a legislative forum held at Huntsville City Hall and was recently selected as the employee representative for a NISH supported Federal Government effort to advocate for Government support of the JWOD Program.

Stuart has won several prestigious accolades including the Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation William Whatley Significant Achievement Award in 2003 and the Alabama Association of Rehabilitation Facilities Achievement Award in 2004. These local and state awards recognize the individual who has best exhibited significant progress in achieving his maximum potential by overcoming significant mental, physical or emotional barriers; demonstrating a spirit of cooperation, initiative and responsibility; and exhibiting characteristics of a positive role model for others. Stuart has all of these characteristics and is an outstanding example of an individual who has thrived through his involvement in the JWOD Program.



Anthony Richard Challenge Unlimited Inc. Alton, Illinois

2004 EVELYNE VILLINES AWARD

This award is presented each year to an individual with a disability who exhibits exceptional character and outstanding achievement and has successfully graduated to other employment following work in the JWOD Program. This award is named for Evelyne Villines, a leading national spokesperson and advocate for people with disabilities, as well as a champion of the JWOD Program.

wo primary characteristics—courage and determination—have defined and distinguished Anthony Richard throughout his adult life. A former U.S. Marine, Anthony was forced to end his military service after suffering a severe injury. "I went from life on top of the world to a life of no hope," Anthony said. He decided to put his GI benefits to work for him and started college at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Ill. While temporary losses of feeling in his left arm and leg lingered from his neck injury, Richard never lost hope that he would be productive again.

While studying at Southern Illinois University, Anthony was introduced to Challenge Unlimited, Inc. and its Community Vocational Rehabilitation Program, and began working at the University's mailroom. Anthony strived to overcome his disability and progressed to a level of

employability that allowed him to leave the Community Vocational Rehabilitation Program and secure a position with an outside employer—the Iron Workers Union in East

Unfortunately, Anthony's bravery and willpower were cruelly tested once again. While working on the Page Bridge in St. Louis, Anthony was assulted by a disgruntled co-worker. The injury diminished his ability to maintain his equilibrium and left his mind in a whirlwind without medication. "I knew Challenge Unlimited specialized in working with people with disabilities and I wondered if they would hire me back," Anthony said.

Anthony returned to the Community Vocational Rehabilitation Program and was placed as a custodian at the General Services Administration (GSA) facility in St. Louis. Despite the emotional and physical challenges he faced as a result of the second injury, Anthony's work at the GSA facility continued to progress. Anthony's supervisors, Kelly Cross and Brian Terrell, recommended Anthony for a GSA-supervised position as an outside utility worker, a demanding job that made him solely responsible for the maintenance of the facility's 62.5 outside acres. Anthony's skills and strong work ethic were noticed by another employer at the GSA building, Wilson 5 Service, and soon hired him to serve as a general maintenance worker. In the new job, Anthony has nearly doubled his custodian's salary and performs a wide variety of tasks, including general maintenance, plumbing and electrical work.

"Challenge Unlimited helped me rebuild my confidence and made me feel good about contributing," Anthony said. "I was not sitting around feeling sorry for myself anymore. I was doing something productive and it made me feel valued."

"It all starts with quality," said Mike Gonzales, executive VP of operations at Challenge Unlimited, Inc. 'When a nonprofit agency can exceed customer expectations, it can open up more opportunities both for the Government customer and for employees with disabilities. Anthony's success means we are meeting our mission. Anthony's accomplishments should serve as a reminder to all of us within the JWOD Program of why we do what we do better than anyone else."

Anthony's courage and resolve have been an inspiration to all who know him.

NISH National Awards Program

2004 Award Winners

NATIONAL AWARDS

William M. Usdane Award

STUART TURNER Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation Huntsville, AL

Evelyne Villines Award

Anthony Richard Challenge Unlimited Alton, IL

Performance Excellence in Government Contracts

Skils'kin Spokane, WA

Performance Excellence in Developing Human Potential NOWCAP Services Casper, WY

Performance Excellence in Using the JWOD Program to Further Its Mission

FEDCAP REHABILITATION SERVICES New York, NY

Government Award for Services

Internal Revenue Service Washington, D.C. Nominated by: ServiceSource, Alexandria, VA

Government Award for Products

DEFENSE SUPPLY CENTER PHILADELPHIA Nominated by: National Center for Employment of the Disabled, El Paso, TX

Government Award for Local Federal Customer Support

60th Contracting Squadron Travis Air Force Base Nominated by: PRIDE Industries, Roseville, CA

Business Award

Cox Communications Nominated by: Chesapeake Service Systems Chesapeake, VA

Business Innovations Award

GOODWILL SERVICES, INC. Harrisburg, PA

Community Outreach Award

BOBBY DODD INSTITUTE Atlanta, GA

Grassroots Advocacy Award

Opportunity Village Las Vegas, NV

Professional Excellence in Rehabilitation (CRP)

Duane Brown **PRIDE Industries** Roseville, CA

Professional Excellence in Rehabilitation (Non-CRP)

Vicki Rafferty Michigan Rehabilitation Services Nominated by: Peckham, Inc., Lansing, MI

Volunteer Award

GLEN OAKES Nominated by: CCAR Services, Inc. Green Cove, FL

REGIONAL AWARDS

William M. Usdane Award-East Region

EUGENE DANCY Portco, Inc. Portsmouth, VA

William M. Usdane Award-South Central Region

Dale Jackson Goodwill Industries Lawton, OK

William M. Usdane Award-West Region

BONITA MATTHEY Solano Diversified Services Vallejo, CA

William M. Usdane Award-Northwest Region

Andrea Negrete Goodwill Specialty Services Omaha, NE

William M. Usdane Award-North Central Region

Karen Parnell **IVS** Detroit, MI

Evelyne Villines Award— South Central Region

Rodolfo Aguilar National Center for Employment of the Disabled El Paso, TX

Evelyne Villines–East Region

SEAN RAMTAHAL Didlake, Inc. Montgomery Village, MD

2003

■ New 3,200 sq. ft. training center is established at National Headquarters with state-of-the-art electronics. The facility includes the Evelyne Villines conference room—named after Evelyne

Villines, former member of the NISH Board and Committee for Purchase and an advocate for people with disabilities.

■ E-Learning Web site introduced with 200 courses.

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First annual National Scholar Award for Workplace Innovation & Design competition conducted (then known as the Workplace Technology Scholarship Program).

NISH and NIB Standardize Mail Operations for the IRS



One of NISH's major 2004 initiatives was the development of a nationwide secure mailroom operation for the Internal Revenue Service. NISH worked with a NISH-affiliated nonprofit agency, ServiceSource, Inc. of Alexandria, Va., to develop a solution utilizing both NISH and National Industries for the Blind agencies to standardize mail operations in 33 IRS mail offices across the United States. ServiceSource, Inc., the prime contractor, manages a Central Mail Facility near its headquarters, and also oversees subcontracts with 28 other NISH and NIB nonprofit agencies located in 24 states. Of the 33 sites, 13 were operational at the end of the fiscal year. The project provides 91 full-time equivalent jobs for people who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Above: IRS Contracting Officer Sharon McPherson (right) visits the Central Mail Facility and discusses mail sorting processes with National Program Manager Jannetta Gray and JWOD employee Omar Chadauri. Left: JWOD employees Jorge Colindres and Nancy Childress (background) x-ray incoming packages for the IRS.

"The quality of service under our current mailroom project is outstanding. The NPA goes above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the contract is performed. I feel the cooperation we get from NISH as well as the NPA with full disclosure on the pricing enables all parties to negotiate a fair and reasonable price for the services rendered. We do not see this with other Government contracts."

JWOD Procurement, Champions

A JWOD Contracting Champion is a Federal Government employee—a "point of influence," mainly in acquisitionwho fully believes in the mission of the JWOD Program and is doing everything in his or her sphere of responsibility to provide employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

AJWODProcurement Champion:

- Aggressively looks for opportunities within his/her organization for contracts and work to refer to NISH;
- Works to overcome problems and "roadblocks" while thinking creatively about how to make JWOD projects work to the best advantage of all the parties involved;
- Speaks out in support of the JWOD Program in public forums where his/her influence can have a positive impact; and
- Operates with a spirit of partnership, always seeking a win/win solution to every issue.

NISH congratulates the following individuals who were newly named JWOD Procurement Champions in FY04. Thank you for your outstanding support of the JWOD Program and people with disabilities nationwide!

Debbie Bantz

Supervisory Contract Specialist General Services Administration (GSA) Great Lakes Region

Laurel Wheeler

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE CHIEF, CE SUPPORT FLIGHT 55th Contracting Squadron Omaha, Neb.

Mike Barger

CONTRACTING OFFICER Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System Little Rock, Ark.

Lidija Erazo

CHIEF, SERVICES FLIGHT CONTRACTING U.S. Department of the Air Force 305th Contracting Squadron McGuire AFB, N.J.

Kay Leaphart

CONTRACT SPECIALIST Contract Management Branch Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

Jack M. London

CHIEF, READINESS BRANCH Readiness Commodity Business Unit Directorate of Clothing and Textiles Defense Logistics Agency Defense Supply Center Philadelphia Philadelphia, Pa.

Rhonda Chavez

CHIEF OF THE BASE ACQUISITION FLIGHT Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

Tandy Weaver

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS/ DEPUTY SQUADRON COMMANDER 82nd Contracting Squadron Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas

Patrick D. Clark, RPA, CCIM

DEPUTY DIRECTOR—CUSTOMER OPERATIONS DIVISION General Services Administration, Northwest/Arctic Region Auburn, Wash.

Marchetta Smith

CONTRACT SPECIALIST Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Norfolk, Va.

Tina Dancy

Supervisory Contract Specialist Naval Air Station Pensacola Pensacola, Fla.

Michael McCall

DIRECTOR OF SMALL BUSINESS Defense Supply Center Philadelphia Philadelphia, Pa.



"Centers of Excellence" Program initiated to leverage sound nonprofit agency business practices.

■ NPA (nonprofit agencies) Capabilities & Opportunities databases launched.

Service Costing application completely rolled out, providing project tracking, reporting and PR3 pricing support for service-based contracts.

Congressional Champions, Program

The Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Congressional Champions Program thrived in FY 2004 with 11 members of Congress being named Champions, bringing the total number of JWOD Congressional Champions (as of the end of FY04) to more than 40.

A JWOD Congressional Champion:

NISH and National Industries for the Blind (NIB) established the JWOD Congressional Champions Program in summer 2002 to honor representatives and senators who have demonstrated a commitment to their constituents with disabilities and to the JWOD Program.

The JWOD Congressional Champion plaque incorporates two JWOD coins and two personalized certificates commending the recipients for their dedication to JWOD. The coins and certificates are elegantly framed and matted by people with disabilities at Eastern Carolina Vocational Center, Inc. (ECVC), a NISH-affiliated nonprofit agency (NPA) in Greenville, N.C.

"Now more than ever, it is important to use programs like IWOD to leverage Government investment in job support programs for people with disabilities by providing the necessary employment opportunities. Federal contracts are an excellent vehicle for doing this."

- Rep. Nancy Johnson

Congratulations to the following members of Congress who were newly named JWOD Congressional Champions in FY2004:

- Rep. Jim McCrery, R-La.
- ◆ Rep. John Doolittle, R-Calif.
- ◆ Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Conn.
- Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Ky.
- Rep. Bob Bishop, R-Utah
- ♦ Rep. David Scott, D-Ga.
- ◆ Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga.
- Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y.
- Rep. Norman Dicks, D-Wash.
- ♦ Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah
- Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga.

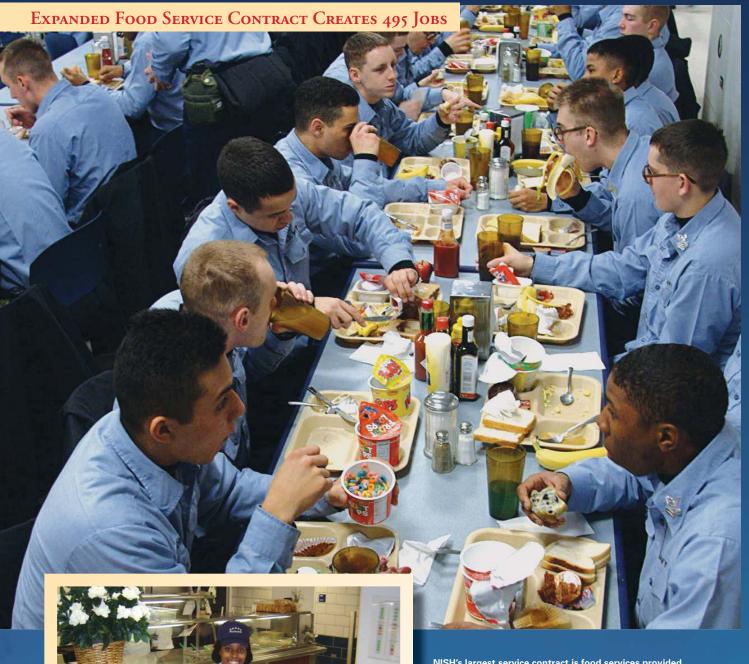
NISH thanks all of its JWOD Congressional Champions for their tremendous support of the JWOD Program and their constituents with disabilities. NISH also commends all of the nonprofit agencies that worked diligently to educate their congressional members on the JWOD Program!

New application, "CRP Association," added to the NISH Extranet, enabling new CRPs to become associated with the Program through an online registration process.

■ NISH receives the New Freedom Foundation's New Ability Educational Award in recognition of its National Scholar Award for Workplace Innovation & Design. National Scholar Award Program expanded to include high school students.







NISH's largest service contract is food services provided by GWS, Inc. of Great Lakes, III. at Great Lakes Recruit Training Command. This contract was the result of the conversion of food services previously performed by Navy recruits to people with disabilities, which was necessary to allow recruits to utilize their time more efficiently. During FY 2004, 495 JWOD Program participants were employed as cooks, food service workers, janitors and warehouse workers on this contract. The contract expansion resulted in 1200 total workers employed in food service positions at Great Lakes with approximately 715 being people with severe disabilities.

"Our JWOD contracts have grown so much over the last few years because the quality has exceeded our expectations. Without exception. We know a good thing when we find it and JWOD is a great thing for us. It's quality. Quality has made the difference."

2004 NISH Program Summary

Emplo	<i>syment, Wages and Upward Mobility</i> Number of people with severe disabilities employed through JWOD during FY 04:	2004 41,154	2003 38,087	
	Direct Labor Wages paid to people with severe disabilities employed on JWOD contracts:	\$327,294,442	\$289,230,543	
	Average Hourly Wage of people with severe disabilities employed on JWOD contracts:	\$9.14	\$8.77	
	Number of people placed in employment outside the nonprofit agency (NPA) from JWOD:	2,310	1,428	
	Number of JWOD employees promoted into a new job whose job classification has changed requiring greater skills/responsibilities, and providing increased wages or benefits:	1,062	1,097	
	Number of JWOD employees promoted into a new job requiring increased supervisory, management or technical skills, and providing increased wages or benefits:	316	230	
	Number of people receiving a wage increase in the JWOD Program:	21,394	19,608	
Partic	articipating Nonprofit Agencies			
	Total number of NPAs producing a product or providing a service under the JWOD Program:	559	530	
	Total number of NPAs associated with NISH (includes those that are producing):	2,124	2,134	
	Number of people with severe disabilities employed by JWOD producing agencies:	135,137	130,615	7-
	Number of people with severe disabilities placed in jobs in the community	29,439	28,687	
FY 04	Annual Sales and Additions to the Procurement List		2	
	Total Annual Sales:	\$1,626,202,673	\$1,442,948,107	
	Products:	\$634,673,794	\$553,308,433	
	Services:	\$991,528,880	\$889,639,674	
	Total Additions:	\$44,704,320	\$54,468,580	
	Products:	\$18,857,280	\$3,401,750	
	Services:	\$25,847,040	\$51,066,830	

People with Severe Disabilities Employed on JWOD in FY 2004



Training, Rehabilitation and Development Institute, Inc. (TRDI) provides food services at Randolph AFB, Texas.

^{*} The total number of people who are blind or severely disabled employed through JWOD by NISH- and NIB-affiliated agencies in FY 2004 was 45,303.

2004 NISH Financial Statement

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$29,119,104
Investments at Fair Value	9,884,553
Commissions Receivable, net	15,028,562
Deposits, Prepaids and Other Assets	1,260,470
Notes Receivable, net	1,206,285
Property, Buildings and Equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	15,131,098
Total Assets	\$71,630,072

Liabilities

Tax Exempt Bond Liability	\$3,300,000
Other Liabilities	5,608,965
Total Liabilities	\$8,908,965

Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$62,721,107
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$71,630,072

Statement of Activities (year ended September 30, 2004)

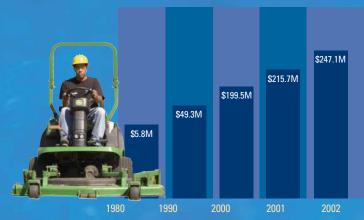
Total Revenues (including realized and unrealized gain on investments of \$313,755)	\$58,396,227
Total Expenses	45,738,057
Change in Net Assets	12,658,170
Net Assets, beginning of year	50,062,937
Net Assets, end of year	\$62,721,107

NISH Annual Sales Trends

NISH Annual Wage Trends



JWOD employees of Fedcap Rehabilitation Services, New York, N.Y., provide janitorial services for the grounds at the Statue of Liberty, as well as at the Ellis Island Museum.



An employee of Skookum Educational Programs, PortTownsend, Wash., mows the lawn for the U.S. Army Ft. Lewis.

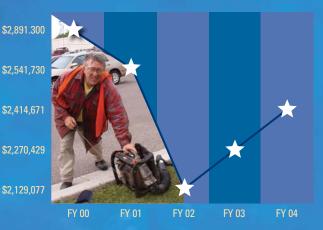
Financial Assistance Programs for NPAs

Interest Free Loan Program

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Since Inception:	297 loans	\$7,500,000
FY04:	10 loans	\$414,671
Capital Equipment Loan Program		
Since Inception:	20 loans	\$1,900,000
FY04:	0 loans	\$0
Management Grant Program		
Since Inception:	233 grants	\$1,700,000
FY04:	50 grants	\$426,806
Training Incentive Program		
Since Inception:	\$1.1 million worth of vouchers	
FY04:	\$322,400 worth of vouchers (241 CRPs)	
Capital Equipment Leasing Program		
Since Inception:	Leases guaranteed	\$6,700,000
	Interest paid by NISH	\$1,039,740
	Subsidy paid by NISH	\$165,361
FY04:	Leases guaranteed	\$2,000,000
	Interest paid by NISH	\$310,067
	Subsidy paid by NISH	\$118,900
Pilot Training Grants		
FY04:	3 grants	\$47,140
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Loans and Leases

\$327.3M \$289.2M



NISH financial assistance helps maintain the job of Lee Roy Womack, a grounds maintenance worker for Trace, Inc., by providing vital loans necessary for the NPA to manage the high costs involved with grounds maintenance services.

Grants, Subsidies, and Incentives



John Kartes, Skookum Educational Programs, PortTownsend, Wash., works on a contract for warehousing and distribution services.

Statistics by State

		Total Job		
	Total Employed		Total Wages Paid	Total JWOD Sales
Alabama	522	549	\$3,848,456	\$19,734,072
Alaska	276	115	\$1,864,549	\$7,122,139
Arizona	441	346	\$3,660,335	\$13,667,790
Arkansas	295	29	\$1,833,259	\$8,636,693
California	2,629	1,555	\$30,565,270	\$124,419,591
Colorado	1,240	109	\$8,911,559	\$27,347,303
Connecticut	630	240	\$1,998,301	\$15,856,036
Delaware	4	85	\$61,804	\$154,526
District of Columbia	503	28	\$4,835,377	\$15,069,161
Florida	2,549	4,174	\$15,662,008	\$74,515,097
Georgia	833	791	\$7,200,851	\$24,985,370
Guam	74	10	\$378,453	\$1,925,906
Hawaii	210	109	\$2,284,767	\$9,595,041
Idaho	1,134	538	\$7,887,359	\$23,717,510
Illinois	908	1,038	\$6,780,819	\$26,491,647
Indiana	654	516	\$2,658,639	\$42,695,385
Iowa	134	569	\$522,483	\$1,243,464
Kansas	201	32	\$2,047,095	\$30,787,956
Kentucky	1,112	302	\$6,289,136	\$41,211,190
Louisiana	456	64	\$3,766,296	\$16,131,426
Maine	293	39	\$1,336,405	\$27,579,826
Maryland	2,778	1057	\$28,240,804	\$101,453,969
Massachusetts	425	920	\$3,234,659	\$10,996,361
Michigan	1,009	1,169	\$9,302,880	\$79,204,458
Minnesota	510	215	\$3,493,365	\$22,602,806
Mississippi	458	394	\$3,070,329	\$8,562,868
Missouri	459	126	\$1,941,338	\$9,706,766
Montana	236	211	\$410,484	\$2,452,664
Nebraska	245	49	\$1,299,593	\$4,758,576
Nevada	102	20	\$1,048,685	\$5,785,353
New Jersey	374	227	\$4,222,153	\$11,323,972
New Mexico	264	187	\$3,015,519	\$8,503,902
New York	2,128	3,568	\$19,922,010	\$87,835,982
North Carolina			\$6,340,134	
North Carolina North Dakota	1,272 253	724 179		\$42,928,150
Ohio	688		\$1,492,624 \$6,137,163	\$5,518,251
Oklahoma		1,520		\$16,182,501
	352	281	\$2,622,423	\$11,261,226 \$7,924,508
Oregon	235	216	\$3,109,703	
Pennsylvania	1,212	1,126	\$4,869,207	\$24,396,473
Rhode Island South Carolina	213	3 1,861	\$2,261,464	\$5,143,429
	1,230		\$4,847,129	\$14,080,062
South Dakota	218	105	\$1,622,942	\$5,883,193
Tennessee	416	312	\$2,652,174	\$66,788,005
Texas	4,598	1,540	\$37,856,010	\$247,164,700
Utah	248	207	\$3,120,889	\$7,176,814
Vermont	2.544	-027	\$95,053	\$187,613
Virginia	2,544	837	\$24,687,943	\$91,043,244
Washington	1,008	405	\$13,268,438	\$38,615,759
West Virginia	332	256	\$3,076,003	\$8,282,292
Wisconsin	2,195	425	\$15,190,717	\$126,499,849
Wyoming	48	61	\$449,387	\$1,051,796
Total	41,154	29,439	\$327,294,442	\$1,626,202,673

^{*} People with disabilities are employed in New Hampshire and Puerto Rico although the contracts are operated by nonprofit agencies in other locations.

^{**} Number of people with severe disabilities placed in jobs in the community.

NISH Nonprofit Agencies by State



In Fiscal Year 2004, 559 NISH-affiliated agencies (shown as pinpoints on the map above) produced quality products and provided a wide array of services to the Federal Government through the JWOD Program. People with disabilities are working in all 50 states, as well as in the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam.

Nonprofit Agencies by State (Continued)

Alabama

Anniston

Opportunity Center Easter Seal Rehabilitation Facility

Birmingham

Alabama Goodwill Industries, Inc.

Easter Seals of the Birmingham Area

Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation The ARC of Madison County, Inc.

Association for Retarded Citizens of Baldwin County, Inc.

Goodwill Industries of Central Alabama, Inc.

Mobile

GWI Services, Inc.

Muscle Shoals

Easter Seals Childrens Rehabilitation Center Northwest Alabama

Alaska

Anchorage Assets, Inc.

M. C. Resources Management MQC Enterprises, Inc.

Fairbanks

Fairbanks Resource Agency

Juneau

REACH, Inc.

Arizona

Cochise County Association for the Handicapped

Nogales

Santa Cruz Training Programs, Inc.

Phoenix

Goodwill Community Services, Inc.

Tempe

The Centers for Habilitation/TCH

Tucson

Arizona Training Program at Tucson

Beacon Group SW, Inc.

Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona, Inc.

J.P. Industries, Inc.

Yuma

Yuma WORC Center, Inc.

ARKANSAS

Fort Smith

Abilities Unlimited of Ft. Smith, Inc. BOST, Inc.

Pine Bluff Jenkins Memorial Children's Center and Jenkins Industries, Inc.

Jacksonville Pathfinder, Inc.

CALIFORNIA

Bakersfield

The Bakersfield Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.

Baldwin Park

Work Orientation and Rehabilitation Company, Inc. Concord

Phoenix Programs, Incorporated

Association for Retarded Citizens

- Imperial Valley

Imperial County Work Training Center, Inc.

The Fontana Rehabilitation Workshop

Hanford

Kings Rehabilitation Center, Inc.

Lancaster

Desert Haven Enterprises, Inc.

Life Options, Vocational and Resource Center

Mt. Shasta

Siskiyou Opportunity Center

Los Angeles

Asian Rehabilitation Services, Inc. Exceptional Children's Foundation Goodwill Industries of Southern

California

Napa Napa Valley PSI, Inc.

Oakland

Calidad Industries, Inc.

The Independent Way

Palo Alto

VTF Services

Pasadena Foothill Workshop for the Handicapped, Inc.

Valley Resource Center for the Retarded, Inc.

Red Bluff

Tehama County Opportunity Center, Inc.

Redding Shasta County Opportunity Center

Richmond

Rubicon Programs, Inc.

Ridgecrest

Desert Area Resources and Training

North Bay Rehabilitation

Services, Inc.

Roseville

PRIDE Industries

Sacramento

Crossroads Building Services, Inc.

Easter Seal Society of Superior

San Bruno Work Transition Services

San Diego

Job Options, Inc.

The ARC of San Diego

San Francisco

Recreation Center for the Handicapped, Inc.

Toolworks, Inc.

Santa Ana

Landmark Services, Inc.

Santa Clara

Hope Services

Project HIRED

Santa Maria VTC Enterprises

"You rallied and reassembled with an indomitable, unbreakable spirit and the absolute refusal to ever compromise or quit regardless of the challenges you encountered in meeting the warfighters' needs. Your hard work demonstrates one that is rooted in relationships—a company that can be counted on for support in the worst of times as well as the best... You have sent a strong message of confidence, commitment and loyalty to our men and women of the armed services and having these principles helped them not only to survive, but prevail during trying times."

- Brig. Gen. Gary L. Border wrote in a letter to Fedcap Rehabilitation Services of New York, NY.

South El Monte

Lincoln Training Center and Rehabilitation Workshop

Valley Service Connection, Inc.

Torrance

Social Vocational Services, Inc.

Truckee

Pacific Coast Community Services

Vallejo

Solano Diversified Services

Ventura

Association for Retarded Citizens -Ventura County, Inc.

Yolo Employment Services

Colorado

Colorado Springs

Aspen Diversified Industries, Inc.

Goodwill Industrial Services Corporation

Denver

Bayaud Industries, Inc.

Platte River Industries, Inc.

Fort Collins

Foothills Gateway, Inc.

Pueblo

Pueblo Diversified Industries, Inc.

Westminster

North Metro Community Services for Developmentally Disabled

Connecticut

Bridgeport

The Kennedy Center, Inc.

Greater Enfield Allied Rehabilitation Centers, Inc.

New Britain

CW Resources, Inc.

Uncasville

Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center of Southeastern Connecticut, Inc.

Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center of Greater Waterbury, Inc.

Easter Seals Greater Hartford Rehabilitation Center, Inc.

Delaware

Milford

Kent-Sussex Industries, Inc.

Opportunity Center, Incorporated

DISTRICT OF Columbia

Washington

Anchor Mental Health Association (Anchor Services Workshop)

Goodwill Industries of Greater Washington

Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute

Service Disabled Veterans Business Association

The ARC of the District of Columbia, Inc.

Florida

Daytona Beach ACT CORP.

Ft. Lauderdale

United Cerebral Palsy of Broward County, Inc.

Gainesville

Association for Retarded Citizens/ Alachua County, Inc.

Green Cove Springs CCAR Services, Inc.

Jacksonville

GINFL Services, Inc.

Lake City

CARC-Ádvocates for Citizens with Disabilities, Inc.

Easter Seals Miami-Dade, Inc.

Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc.

Goodwill Industries of Central Florida

Pensacola

Lakeview Center, Inc.

Rockledge

ARC-Brevard, Inc.

Brevard Achievement Center, Inc.

St. Petersburg JobWorks, Inc.

Tampa

MacDonald Training Center, Inc.

West Palm Beach

Gulfstream Goodwill Industries, Inc.

Georgia

Americus

Middle Flint Behavioral HealthCare - Sumter County MR Center

Bobby Dodd Institute, Inc.

Goodwill Industries of North Georgia, Inc.

Augusta

Easter Seals East Georgia, Inc.

Columbus

Power Works Industries, Inc.

Middle Georgia Diversified Industries, Inc.

Dunwoody

Jewish Vocational Services, Inc.

Jonesboro WORKTEC

*LaGrange*New Ventures Enterprises, Inc.

Good Vocations, Inc.

Nobis Enterprises, Inc.

Montezuma

Macon County MR Services Center

Sheltered Work Services of Rome, Incorporated

Savannah

Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire, Inc.

Thomasville

Thomas-Grady Mental Retardation Service Center

Warner Robins

Epilepsy Association of Georgia Houston County Association for Exceptional Citizens, Inc.

NAMI-Central Georgia, Inc.

GUAM

Tamuning
Able Industries of the Pacific

Hawaii

Hilo

The ARC of Hilo

Honolulu

Goodwill Contract Services of Hawaii, Inc.

Lanakila Rehabilitation Center Network Enterprises, Inc.

Opportunities for the Retarded, Inc.

Wailuku

Ka Lima O Maui, Ltd.

IDAHO

Blackfoot

Dawn Enterprises, Inc.

Western Idaho Training Company, Inc.

Couer d'Alene TESH, Inc.

Eagle

Trace, Inc.

Idaho Falls

Development Workshop, Inc.

Lewiston

Opportunities Unlimited, Inc.

Pocatello New Day Products, Inc.

Sand Point

Panhandle Special Needs, Inc.

ILLINOIS

Challenge Unlimited, Inc.

St. Clair Associated Vocational Enterprises, Inc.

Bloomington

Occupational Development Center, Inc.

Carthage Hancock County Mental Health Center, Inc.

Chicago Ada S. McKinley Community Services

Chicago Association for Retarded Citizens

Community Counseling Centers of Chicago, Inc.

Jewish Vocational Service and **Employment Center**

Lester and Rosalie ANIXTER CENTER

Thresholds Rehabilitation Inc.

County Rock Island Association for Retarded Citizens of

Rock Island

Danville REHAB Products and Services, Inc.

Highland Park

Opportunity, Inc.

Rolling Hills Progress Center, Inc.

Nonprofit Agencies by State (Continued)

Jefferson County Comprehensive Services, Inc.

Murphysboro

Specialized Training for Adult Rehabilitation

Human Resources Center of Edgar and Clark Counties

Community Workshop and Training Cénter, Inc.

Rock Island

Innovative Partnerships, N.F.P.

OMNI Business Services, Inc.

Rolling Meadows

Clearbrook Center, Inc.

West Frankfort

Franklin-Williamson Human Services, Inc.

Indiana

Bloomington

Stone Belt ARC, Inc.

Gary

Tradewinds Rehabilitation Center

Child-Adult Resource Services, Inc.

Indianapolis

Crossroads Rehabilitation Center,

GW Commercial Services, Inc.

Four Rivers Resource Services, Inc.

Rauch Rehabilitation and Developmental Services, Inc.

Orange County Rehabilitative and Developmental Services, Inc.

Vincennes

Knox County Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.

Iowa

Des Moines Goodwill Solutions, Inc.

Iowa City Goodwill Industries of

Southeast Iowa

Progress Industries

Rock Valley

Hope Haven, Inc.

Shenandoah

Nishna Productions, Inc.

Kansas

Junction City

Great Plains Enterprises, Inc.

Cottonwood, Incorporated

McPherson

MCDS Federal Contracting, Inc.

Topeka

Topeka Association for Retarded Citizens

Wichita

Business Technology Career Opportunities (BTCO)

Center Industries Corporation

Kentucky

Corbin

Southeastern Kentucky Rehabilitation Industries, Inc.

Pioneer Vocational/Industrial Services, Inc.

Hopkinsville

Pennyroyal Regional Mental Health-Mental Retardation Board, Inc.

Lexington

Opportunity Workshop of Lexington, Inc.

Louisville

C.G.M. Services, Inc.

Goodwill Industries of Kentucky

Owensboro

Opportunity Center Workshop, Inc.

Louisiana

Baton Rouge Louisiana Industries for the Disabled, Inc.

Berwick

Bayou Industrial Maintenance Services, Inc.

LaSalle Association for the Developmentally Delayed, Inc.

Lake Charles

Calcasieu Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.

Leesville

Vernon Sheltered Workshop, Inc.

Association of Retarded Citizens of Sabine, Inc.

New Orleans

Goodworks, Inc.

North Louisiana Goodwill Industries Rehabilitation Center, Inc.

The Arc of Caddo-Bossier

St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.

MAINE

Auburn

Pathways, Inc.

Augusta

Motivational Services, Inc.

Group Home Foundation, Inc.

Northern New England **Employment Services**

MARYLAND

Aberdeen

The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region, Incorporated

Alliance, Inc.

Sinai Hospital of Baltimore (Vocational Services Program)

The Arc of Baltimore, Inc.

Goodwill Industries of the

Chesapeake, Inc. The Chimes, Inc.

Columbia

Humanim, Inc.

Easton Chesapeake Bay Industries, Inc.

Frederick

Jeanne Bussard Center, Inc.

Hagerstown Hagerstown Goodwill Industries, Inc.

The Center for Life Enrichment, Inc.

Silver Spring CHI Centers, Inc.

Rockville

The Arc of Montgomery County, Inc.

Upper Marlboro

Melwood Horticultural Training Center

MASSACHUSETTS

Community Workshops, Inc.

Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries

National Telecommuting Institute, Inc.

Braintree

Employ & Ability, Inc.

Chicopee

FOR Community Services, Inc.

Concord

Minute Man Arc for Human Services, Inc.

Hyannis

Nauset, Inc.

Marshfield

Road to Responsibility, Inc.

North Quincy

Work, Incorporated

Pittsfield

Berkshire County Arc, Inc.

Goodwill Industries of the

Springfield/Hartford Area, Inc. Seven Hills Occupational & Rehabilitation Services, Inc.

Michigan

Alpena Northeastern Michigan Rehabilitation and Opportunity Center (NEMROC)

Ann Arbor Washtenaw County Community

Support and Treatment Services

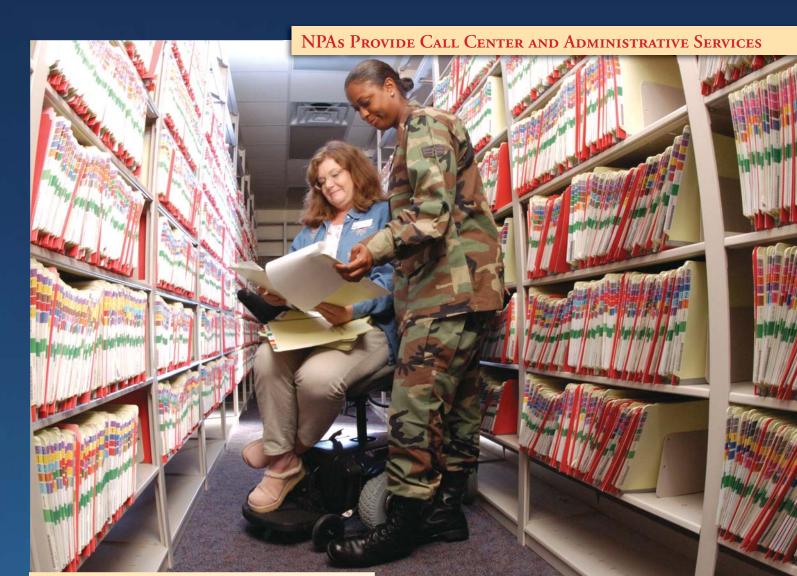
Auburn Hills New Horizons Rehabilitation

Services, Inc.

Navigations, Inc.

Battle Creek Calhoun County Community Mental Health Services

Grand Rapids Hope Network Services Corporation



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Above: Diana Anderson, Goodwill Industries of San Antonio, reviews Air Force records with a soldier at Randolph Air Force Base. Left: John Smolinski, Good Works, Inc., Spokane, Wash., works at the switchboard at Fairchild Air Force Base, where JWOD employees help keep military personnel deployed around the world in touch with their loved ones back home.

"The folks at the Fairchild switchboard were my connection back to my life in Spokane. I could always count on a friendly voice on the other end that would connect me to my wife or mother. The operators would thank you and always say they were praying for you. I remember once calling from the U.S. Embassy in Kabul and connecting with Fairchild and they were just a super group of folks."

— U.S. Army (Reserve) Maj. Joel Loiacono

Nonprofit Agencies by State (Continued)

Holland

Kandu Industries, Inc.

Kalamazoo

MRC Industries, Inc.

Kingsford

Trico Opportunities, Inc.

Peckham Vocational Industries, Inc.

Goodwill Industries of West Michigan, Inc.

Port Huron

The Arc of St. Clair County

Saginaw

SVRC Industries, Inc.

Sault Ste. Marie

Northern Transitions, Inc.

Services Caro

Tuscola County Community Mental Health

Southfield

Jewish Vocational Service and Community Workshop

Swartz Creek

Michigan Community Services, Inc.

Traverse City

G.W. Services of Northern Michigan, Inc.

MINNESOTA

Brighton

Work Skills Corporation

Duluth

Goodwill Industries Vocational Enterprises, Inc.

Minneapolis AccessAbility, Inc.

Tasks Unlimited, Inc.

Rochester

Ability Building Center, Inc.

St. Paul

MDI Government Services, Inc.

Thief River Falls

Occupational Development Center, Inc.

Mississippi

Greenville

AbilityWorks, Inc. of Washington County

Greenwood

AbilityWorks, Inc. of Greenwood

Gulfport

Mississippi Goodworks, Inc.

Iackson

AbilityWorks, Inc. of Jackson

Long Beach

AbilityWorks, Inc. of Harrison County

South Mississippi Regional Center

Meridian

AbilityWorks, Inc. of Meridian

Oxford

AbilityWorks, Inc. of Oxford

Goodwill Industries of Mississippi, Inc.

Vicksburg

Warren County Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.

Missouri

Harrisonville

Casco Area Workshop, Inc.

Independence

Independence and Blue Springs Industries, Inc.

Kansas City

The Helping Hand of Goodwill Industries Extended Employment SWS

Marshfield

Web-Co Custom Industries, Inc.

Monroe City

Learning Opportunities/Quality Works, Inc.

Sedalia

Cooperative Workshops, Inc.

Springfield

Springfield Workshop, Inc.

St. Louis

MGI Services Corporation

Montana

Billings

Community Option Resource Enterprises, Inc

Butte

BSW, Inc.

Helena

Helena Industries, Inc.

Missoula

Opportunity Resources, Inc.

Nebraska

Grand Island

Goodwill Employment Services of Central Nebraska, Inc.

Lincoln

Goodwill Services, Inc.

Nebraska City

Region V Services

Omaha

Goodwill Specialty Services, Inc.

Nevada

Las Vegas

Opportunity Village Association for Retarded Citizens

High Sierra Industries, Inc. Washoe ARC

New Jersey

Cedar Knolls

Employment Horizons, Inc.

Monmouth Center for Vocational Rehabilitation

Edison

Edison Sheltered Workshop, Inc.

Hackensack

North Jersey Friendship House, Inc.

The Arc of Bergen and Passaic Counties, Inc.

Mt. Holly Occupational Training Center of Burlington County

Orange The First Occupational Center of New Jersey

New Mexico

Albuquerque

Adelante Development Center, Inc.

RCI, Inc. Artesia

Door of Opportunity, Inc.

Clovis

ENMRSH, Inc.

Las Cruces Tresco, Inc.

Santa Fe Presbyterian Medical Services

New York

Amsterdam

Montgomery County Chapter, NYSARC, Inc.

Goodwill Industries of Greater New York and Northern New Jersey, Inc.

Binghamton

ABLE INDUSTRIES, INC.

Brooklyn

Federation Employment and Guidance Service

Buffalo

Phoenix Frontier, Inc.

Canandaigua Ontario County Chapter, NYSARC, Inc.

St. Lawrence County Chapter, NYSARC

Cortland

J.M. Murray Center, Inc.

Fairport

Continuing Developmental Services, Inc.

Fulton

Oswego Industries, Inc.

Herkimer

Herkimer County Chapter, NYSARC, Inc.

Jamestown Chautauqua County Chapter, NYSARĆ

Kingston Gateway Community Industries, Inc.

Citizen Advocates, Inc.

Menands The Workshop, Incorporated

Middletown

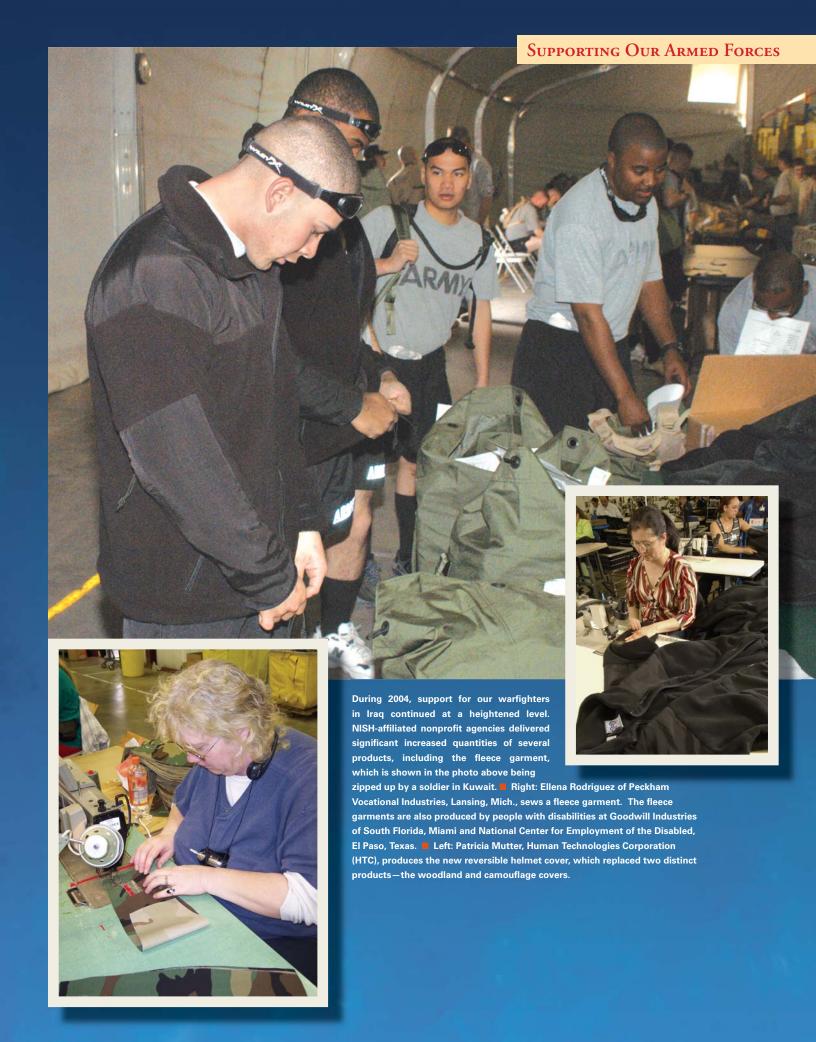
New Dynamics Corporation

Occupations, Inc.

New York Fedcap Rehabilitation Services, Inc.

The Corporate Source, Inc.

^{*} People with disabilities are employed in New Hampshire although the contracts are operated by out-of-state NPAs.



Nonprofit Agencies BY STATE (Continued)

Niagara Falls

Niagara County Chapter, NYSARC

Oakdale

Skills Unlimited, Inc.

Cattaraugus County Chapter, NYSARČ

Penn Yan

Yates County Chapter NYSARC, Inc.

Plattsburgh

Clinton County Chapter, NYSARC, Inc.

Rochester

Lifetime Assistance, Inc.

Rochester Psychiatric Center

Rochester Rehabilitation Center

Sardinia

Suburban Adult Services, Inc.

Schenectady

Uncle Sam's House, Inc.

Schenectady County Chapter, NYSARC, Ínc.

Slingerlands

Albany County Chapter, NYSÁRC, Inc.

Onondaga County Chapter, NYSARC, Inc.

Human Technologies Corporation

The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Chapter, NYSARC, Inc.

Walton

Delaware County Chapter, NYSARC, Inc.

NYSARC, Inc., Seneca-Cayuga Counties Chapter

Watertown

Jefferson County Chapter, NYSARC

Watkins Glen

Schuyler County Chapter, NYSARC, Inc.

North Carolina

Brevard

Transylvania Vocational Services, Inc.

Charlotte

Nevins, Inc.

Durham

Durham Exchange Club Industries, Inc.

Favetteville

Employment Source, Inc.

Gastonia

Gaston Skills, Inc.

Greenville

Eastern Carolina Vocational Center, Inc.

Hertford

Skills, Inc.

Hillsborough

Orange Enterprises, Inc.

Iacksonville

Coastal Enterprises of Iacksonville, Inc.

Marble

Industrial Opportunities, Inc.

New Bern

CETC, Inc.

North Wilkesboro

- Marion Nelson, Director of Business Operations, Fairchild Air Force Base, Spokane, Wash.

Wilkes County Vocational

Workshop, Inc.

Washington

Beaufort County Developmental Center, Inc.

North Dakota

Bismarck Pride, Inc.

Devils Lake

Lake Region Corporation

Vocational Training Center

Jamestown

Alpha Opportunities, Inc.

Minot

MVW Services, Inc.

Valley City

Open Door Center

Оню

Akron

Community Support Services, Inc.

Weaver Industries, Inc.

Canton

The Workshops, Inc.

Cincinnati

Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries Rehabilitation Center, Inc.

Cleveland

Goodwill Industries of Greater

Cleveland, Inc.

VGS, Inc.

Eastway Corporation

Goodwill Industries of the

Miami Valley

Murray Ridge Production Center, Inc.

Mansfield

Richland County Board

of MR & DD

Marion

MARCA Industries, Inc.

Newark

Licking-Knox Goodwill Industries, Inc.

Clark County Board of Mental Retardation & Developmental

Disabilities

Quadco Rehabilitation Center, Inc. (Northwest Products Division)

Toledo

ContracTech, Inc.

Xenia

Greene, Inc.

Youngstown

Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries

OKLAHOMA

Anadarko

APEX, Inc.

Lawton

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Oklahoma, Inc.

Midwest City

Mid-Del Group Home, Inc.

Moore

Work Activity Center, Inc.

Muskogee Golden Rule Industries of

Muskogee, Inc.

Oklahoma City

Dale Rogers Training Center, Inc.

Oklahoma Goodwill Industries, Inc.

OREGON

Ashland

Pathway Enterprises, Inc.

Clatsop County Developmental

Training Center Association

Hood River Hood River Sheltered Workshop

Klamath Falls

Klamath County Mental Health

Willamette Valley Rehabilitation Center, Inc.

Medford

Living Opportunities, Inc.

Portland DePaul Industries

Portland Habilitation Center, Inc. The Port City Development Center

Roseburg Sunrise Enterprises of Roseburg, Inc.

Salem Garten Services, Inc.

Pennsylvania

Aston

Elwyn, Inc.

Athens Penn-York Opportunities for the Handicapped, Înc.

Bethlehem

Via of the Lehigh Valley, Inc.

Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Center, Inc.

Greensburg

Rehabilitation Center and Workshop, Inc.

Harrisburg Goodwill Services, Inc.

"The best value that NISH provides to the Federal Government is their drive for excellence and quality in all that they do. There's never a doubt that they are committed to the job."

Cambria County Association for the Blind and Handicapped

Goodwill Industries of the Conemaugh Valley, Inc.

Lebanon

Quality Employment Services and Training, Inc.

Iuniata Association for the Blind

Meadow Lands

Arc Human Services, Inc.

Mechanicsburg Cumberland-Perry Association for Retarded Citizens

New Castle

Lark Enterprises, Inc.

New Kensington Family Services of Western

Pennsylvania

Philadelphia

Horizon House, Inc.

Pittsburgh

Goodwill Commercial Services, Inc.

ARC- Allegheny

Life's Work of Western PA

The Easter Seal Society of Western Pennsylvania

United Cerebral Palsy of Schuylkill, Carbon & Northumberland Counties

Scranton

Allied Health Care Services

Keystone Vocational Services

Stroudsburg
The Burnley Workshop of the Poconos, Inc.

White Haven

White Haven Center

Wilkes-Barre

United Rehabilitation Services, Inc.

Williamsport

Hope Enterprises, Inc.

RHODE ISLAND

Middletown

Newport County Chapter, Rhode Island Association for Retarded Citizens

North Providence

Greater Providence Chapter, Rhode Island Assoc. for Retarded Citizens

South Carolina

The Tri-Development Center of Aiken County, Înc.

Beaufort

Beaufort Vocational Rehabilitation Center

Charleston Heights

Charleston Vocational Rehabilitation Center

Lexington Vocational Rehabilitation Center

Horry County Disabilities and Special Needs Board

Pickens County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs

Florence County Disabilities and Special Needs Board

Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs Board

Greenville Rehabilitation Center

North Charleston

Goodwill Industries of Lower South Carolina, Inc.

Orangeburg

Orangeburg County Disabilities and Special Needs Board

York County Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Board

Oconee-Pickens Work Training Center

Spartanburg The Charles Lea Center for Rehab and Special Education, Inc.

Summerville

Dorchester County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs

Sumter County Disabilities and Special Needs Board, Inc.

The Genesis Center

Walterboro Vocational Rehabilitation Center

South Dakota

Aberdeen

Adjustment Training Center, Inc.

Box Elder

BH Services, Inc.

Hot Springs Southern Hills Developmental Services, Inc.

Huron

Huron Area Center for Independence

Pierre

OAHE, Inc.

Sioux Falls

Sioux Vocational Services, Inc.

TENNESSEE

Clarksville

Progressive Directions, Inc.

Cookeville

Advocacy and Resources Corporation

Madison Haywood Developmental

Johnson City

Dawn of Hope Development Center, Inc.

Knoxville

Goodwill Industries - Knoxville, Inc.

Knox County Association for Retarded Citizens

Memphis

Memphis Goodwill Industries, Inc. Shelby Residential and Vocational

Services, Inc.

Nashville Goodwill Government Services, Inc.

Texas

Abilene

Abilene Goodwill Industries, Inc.

Goodwill Industries of Central Texas

Professional Contract Services, Inc.

Relief Enterprise, Inc.

St. Vincent DePaul Rehabilitation Services of Texas, Inc.

Statewide Consolidated Community Development Corporation, Inc.

Goodwill Industries Industrial Contracts and Temporary Services, Inc.

Tri-County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services

Corpus Christi The RC Foundation

Goodwill Industries of

South Texas, Inc.

Nueces County Mental Health Mental Retardation Community Center

Dallas

Goodwill Industries of Dallas, Inc.

LifeNet Community Behavioral Healthcare

El Paso

Goodwill Industries of El Paso

National Center for Employment of the Disabled

Fort Worth

Goodwill Industries of Fort Worth, Inc.

Expanço, Inc.

CRI Federal Services

San Angelo Concho Resource Center

Goodwill Industries of San Antonio

Mavagi Enterprises, Inc. South Texas Housing and Community Development

Corporation, Inc. Training, Rehabilitation, & Development Institute, Inc.

World Technical Services, Inc.

San Angelo

Wichita Falls

MHMR Services for the Concho Valley

North Texas State Hospital Work Services Corporation

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Nonprofit Agencies by State (Continued)

Utah

Clearfield

Pioneer Adult Rehabilitation Center Davis County School District

Ogden Enable Industries Incorporated

Salt Lake City
Community Foundation for the Disabled, Inc.

VERMONT

Colchester

Champlain Vocational Services, Inc.

Virginia

Alexandria

Opportunities, Inc.

ServiceSource, Inc.

Arlington

Sheltered Occupational Center of Northern Virginia, Inc.

Highlands Community Services Board

Charlottesville

WorkSource Enterprises

Chesapeake

Chesapeake Service Systems, Inc.

Covington

Jackson River Enterprises

Fredericksburg Rappahannock Goodwill Industries, Inc.

The Arc of the Virginia Peninsula, Inc.

Every Citizen Has Opportunities, Inc.

*Lynchburg*Lynchburg Sheltered Industries, Inc.

Manassas

Didlake, Inc.

Nor folk

Goodwill Industries of Hampton Roads, Inc.

Louise W. Eggleston Center, Inc.

Petersburg

Association for Retarded Citizens, Petersburg Area, Inc.

Portsmouth

Portco, Inc.

Richmond

Goodwill Services, Inc.

Richmond Area Association for Retarded Citizens

Goodwill Industries of the Valleys, Inc.

Springfield

Mt. Vernon-Lee Enterprises, Inc.

Southside Training Employment Placement Services, Inc.

Virginia Beach

Community Alternatives, Incorporated

Diversified Industrial Concepts, Inc.

Sara's Mentoring Center, Inc.

Winchester

NW Works, Inc.

Wytheville

Mount Rogers Community MH-MR Services Board

Washington

Bellingham

Cascade Christian Services

Lake Whatcom Residential and Treatment Center

Bremerton

Holly Ridge Center

Bremerton

Peninsula Services

Clarkston

Asotin County Board of Commissioners Developmental

Ellensburg Elmview

Issaauah

Kennewick

Columbia Industries

Oak Harbor

New Leaf, Inc.

Port Angeles

Diversified Resource Center

Port Townsend

Skookum Educational Programs

Ferry County Community Services

Northwest Center for the Retarded

Provail

Seattle Mental Health Institute, Inc.

Spokane

Career Connections

Good Works, Inc.

Pre-Vocational Training Center

Sumner VADIS

Vancouver

Vantech Enterprises N.W.

Goodwill Contracting Services

Walla Walla

Lillie Rice Center

Yakima

Yakima Specialties, Inc.

West Virginia

Buckhannon

Buckhannon-Upshur Work Adjustment Center, Inc.

Charleston

Goodwill Industries of Kanawha

Valley, Inc.

Clarksburg Job Squad, Inc.

Craigsville The Sheltered Workshop of Nicholas

County, Inc. Huntington Goodwill Industries of KYOWVA

Prestera Center for Mental

Health Services, Inc.

Mahen Integrated Resources, Inc.

Parkersburg SW Resources, Inc.

Ronceverte

Gateway Industries, Inc.

PACE Training and Evaluation Center, Inc.

Weirton

Hancock County Sheltered Workshop, Inc.

Wheeling Russell Nesbitt Services, Inc.

Wisconsin

Eau Claire

L. E. Phillips Career Development Center, Inc.

Vocational Industries, Inc.

Fond du Lac

Brooke Industries, Inc.

Green Bay ASPIRO, Inc.

La Crosse

ORC Industries, Inc. Riverfront Activity Center, Inc.

Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin, Inc.

Milwaukee Center for

Independence, Inc. Wisconsin Rapids

ODC Government Services, Inc.

Wyoming

Cheyenne

Goodwill Industries of Wyoming, Inc.

Magic City Enterprises, Inc.

Northwest Community Action Programs of Wyoming, Inc.

"I recommend that federal customers use the JWOD Program because I think it's the best service we can get for the dollars that we expend."

> - Cathy Baker, General Services Administration, Public Building Services, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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NISH Mission

Through the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program, NISH develops and maintains employment and training opportunities for people with severe disabilities.

NISH Vision

NISH envisions a society in which citizens with disabilities exercise individual decisions concerning their own lives, including employment, welfare, and personal supports and dignity.

NISH Values

Integrity, Stewardship, Accountability, Quality, Diversity and Respect.

